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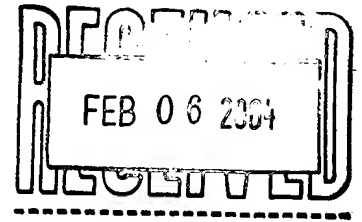
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In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant hereby notifies the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the documents which are listed on the attached PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified) form and/or listed herein and which the Examiner may deem material to patentability of the claims of the above-identified application.

1. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication H11-345241, published December 14, 1999.
2. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication H11-15832, published January 22, 1999.
3. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication H8-166965, published June 25, 1996.

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4. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication H2-98775, published April 11, 1990.
5. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication H11-167581, published June 22, 1999.
6. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication H11-143856, published May 28, 1999.
7. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication H11-250072, published September 17, 1999.
8. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication H9-114802, published May 2, 1997.

One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith.

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In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, Applicant encloses herewith a copy of a corresponding Japanese Office Action dated November 4, 2003, and an English translation of the pertinent portions thereof which cites such documents and indicates the degree of relevance found by the foreign office.

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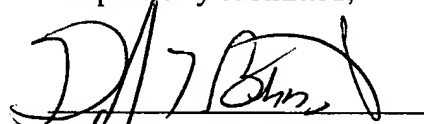
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